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can, but I feel that my remarks are right on point on my amendment and the subject because I want to demonstrate the direction a Legislature takes when churches get involved. I can talk about them just like I talk about Union Pacific. They are here as politicians trying to raid the treasury and you think that because they do this that I'm Dracula? And I say, I am Count Dracula, I've come to Omaha, but the Catholics have the cross and I'm afraid of the cross. And I turn into a bat and go flying out the window. Oh, no, Senator Redfield, it won't work. You know why that's a...get them out of this building and I will change the way that I talk. They are trying to take money out of the treasury. That's what they're doing. What could be more direct and mercenary than that? Nothing. What is the most important work that we undertake based on a politician's likelihood to survive? Dealing with the raising of revenue and the expenditure of revenue through appropriations.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So when somebody is going to put their grubby fingers into the treasury and I'm standing by the chest, expect me to slam that door shut on those fingers if I think they shouldn't be there. And when these people come here, I don't care in what guise, to steal from the treasury, I'm going to stop them if I can. And if I cannot stop them, I'm going to make it as difficult as possible.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 59, LR 60, and LR 61. I raise the call. Debate on the Chambers amendment, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider. I think that the longer we talk about this issue that perhaps the better the information you will have and the better the information the public will have about this issue, at least if this...if persons are watching our debate or if our debate is reported. And I believe that this is one of those issues in which the public